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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF AEGEAN DISPUTE

1. PRINCIPAL AEGEAN-RELATED NEWS STORIES IN AUGUST 21
TURKISH PRESS WERE (A) GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS' STATEMENT THAT
GREECE WAS READY TO ENTER A DIALOGUE WITH TURKEY AND (B) A
STATEMENT BY OPPOSITION LEADER ECEVIT CRITICIZING PRIMIN
DEMIREL FOR LATTER'S ALLEGED REMARK TO NEWSMAN: "DON'T SAY
GREEK ISLANDS, SAY AEGEAN ISLANDS." ECEVIT SAID DEMIREL'S
WORDS, BY SUGGESTING THAT TURKEY COULD BE CLAIMING THE
ISLANDS, STRENGTHENED GREECE'S CASE AGAINST TURKEY. HE
CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY TURKEY'S PEACEFUL
INTENTIONS.

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2. IN MILIYET, ZEYYAT GOREN REPORTED FROM NEW YORK THAT IT WAS STILL UNCLEAR WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD MEET ON THE AEGEAN DISPUTE, BUT THAT PROBABLY THE BRITISH-FRENCH-ITALIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL TODAY, AUGUST 21. GOREN REPORTED THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION WERE NOT FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE RESOLUTION, AND THAT " SOME SOURCES" WERE SAYING THAT TURKEY MIGHT APPLY TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, PERHAPS THE GREEK MILITARIZATION OF THE DODECANESE ISLANDS.
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